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S. 239

To permanently enact certain appropriations Act restrictions on the use of funds for abortions and involuntary sterilizations, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 4, 2021

Mr. RISCH (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. CRUZ, and Mr. PAUL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “American Values Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. PERMANENT ENACTMENT OF CERTAIN GENERAL**
6 **PROVISIONS.**

7 (a) FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961.—Section
8 104(f) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C.
9 2151b(f)) is amended to read as follows:

1 “(f) PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR ABOR-
 2 TIONS AND INVOLUNTARY STERILIZATIONS.—None of the
 3 funds authorized to be appropriated or otherwise made
 4 available to carry out this Act may be made available—

5 “(1) to pay for the performance of abortions as
 6 a method of family planning or to motivate or coerce
 7 any person to practice abortions;

8 “(2) to pay for the performance of involuntary
 9 sterilization as a method of family planning or to co-
 10 erce or provide any financial incentive to any person
 11 to undergo sterilizations;

12 “(3) to pay for biomedical research which re-
 13 lates in whole or in part, to methods of, or the per-
 14 formance of, abortions or involuntary sterilization as
 15 a means of family planning;

16 “(4) to lobby for or against abortion; or

17 “(5) to any organization or program which, as
 18 determined by the President, supports or partici-
 19 pates in the management of a program of coercive
 20 abortion or involuntary sterilization.”.

21 (b) PEACE CORPS ACT.—Section 301(b) of the Peace
 22 Corps Act (22 U.S.C. 2501a(b)) is amended by adding
 23 at the end the following new paragraph:

24 “(3) Subject to section 614 of the Financial Services
 25 and General Government Appropriations Act, 2014 (divi-

1 sion E of Public Law 113–76; 128 Stat. 227), none of
2 the funds authorized to be appropriated or otherwise made
3 available to carry out this Act may be used to pay for
4 abortions.”.

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